# PRAYERS
## IN THE
# CLOSET,

For the Uſe of all

**DEVOUT CHRISTIANS.**

Collected out of the BEST COMPANION, by the Author of the ſame.

Matth. 6. 6. *When thou prayeſt, enter into thy Cloſet; and when thou haſt ſhut the door, pray to thy Father which is in ſecret; and thy Father, which ſeeth in ſecret, ſhall reward thee openly.*

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# TO THE READER.

*IN the Preface to the* Best Companion, *I gave some Directions how those Prayers which were principally designed for Publick Use, might also become serviceable to any one in his most secret Retirement. And though the Directions there given were exemplified after the plainest manner; yet still some, whose capacities are of a lower size, might not understand them: Others again, conceiving it a trouble too great to follow them, might perhaps be altogether discouraged upon this account from the private use of the Devotions themselves.*

*So much being suggested to me, and a Request withall being made, That for the sake of these I would draw the substance of the said Prayers into two or three Collects, and make them yet more easily subservient to every ones* Closet-Necessities, *I readily complied and promised my Endeavour. 'Tis impossible indeed*

*deed that the Wiſeſt heads ſhould ever frame ſuch a form of words as ſhall anſwer the Wants and Exigences of every ones private Condition. The utmoſt advance that can be made in this kind of Eſſay, will go no farther than the laying down ſuch Generals as ought to be the Matter of every Chriſtian's Requeſts to Heaven, and the accommodating their expreſſions ſo, that each ſingle Votary may readily apply them to his own particular Concerns.*

*Now both theſe are moſt eminently conſpicuous in the devout Prayers of our Church: and if they are not equally ſo in the parts of the ſame here brought together in this Performance, the Workman only muſt be blamed. For true Precious Stones, if artificially cut and rightly placed, can never fail to ſhew themſelves to the greateſt Advantage. However, if theſe Prayers are truly directed to the ſame end for which they have been compiled, I doubt not but they will bring glory to God, honour to the Church, whoſe ſound and wholſom words they are, and everlaſting Comfort to every ſoul that uſeth them.*

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# PRAYERS
## In the CLOSET.

### *Prayers both for Morning and Night.*

### *CONFESSION.*

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: I acknowledg and bewail my manifold sins and wickedness, which I from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against me. I have followed too much the devices and desires of mine own heart. I have offended against thy holy Laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done*. And I have done those things wch I ought not to have done †. And there is no health in me.

* *Here confess thy particular Sins of* Omission.

† *Here confess thy particular Sins of* Commission.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me miserable offender. Spare me, O God,

who confess my faults. And grant that I whose Conscience by sin is accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. O create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I worthily lamenting my sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; whom of thy tender mercy thou didst give to suffer death upon the Cross for our Redemption, and who made there (by that oblation of himself once offered,) a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Spare me therefore, good Lord, spare me whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servant, who am vile earth, a miserable sinner: But so turn thine anger from me, and so make haste to help me in this world, that I may ever live with thee in the World to come. *Amen.*

*That you may the better call to mind what particular Sins you have been guilty of before you begin to confess them, you would do well carefully to peruse the Table of Sins at the end of* The Best Companion.

*For*

## *For Pardon and Grace.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon me the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me those things whereof my conscience is afraid, and giving me those good things which I am not worthy to ask, but through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake, O Lord, give me true Repentance: Forgive me all my sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue me with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may amend my life according to thy holy Word. Mortifie and kill all vices in me; and so strengthen me by thy Grace, that by the innocency of my life, and constancy of my Faith even unto death, I may glorifie thy holy Name. Grant me grace to withstand the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; and with a pure heart and mind to follow thee the Only God. Vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctifie, and govern both my heart and body, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of

thy Commandments, that through thy moſt mighty protection both now and ever, I may be preſerved in body and and ſoul; that I may pleaſe thee both in will and deed; that I may both perceive and know what things I ought to do, and alſo may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them. Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion, nouriſh me with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy evermore keep me in the ſame. O grant that thy grace may always prevent and follow me: and make me continually to be given to all good works, ſo that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

## *Interceſſion.*

O God the Creator and preſerver of all mankind, I humbly beſeech thee for all ſorts and conditions of men, that thou would be pleaſed to make thy ways known unto them, thy ſaving health unto all Nations. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels,

and Hereticks; and take from them all ignorance, hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy Flock, that they may be ſaved among the remnant of the true *Iſraelites*, and be made one fold under one ſhepherd Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. More eſpecially I pray for the good eſtate of the Catholick Church, that it may be ſo guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians may be led into the way of Truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of Life. I beſeech thee, O Lord, for this whole Kingdom in general, and particularly for the King and Queen; that thou wouldſt be pleas'd ſo to diſpoſe and govern their hearts, that in all their thoughts, words, and works, they may ever ſeek thy honour and glory; and ſtudy ſo to preſerve Us that Peace and Happineſs, Truth and Juſtice, Religion and Piety may be eſtabliſhed among us for all generations. So bleſs them, O Lord, and all the Royal Family, with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that ever truſting in thy Goodneſs, protected by thy Power, and crown-

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ed with thy gracious and endless Favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy Life upon Earth, and after death, obtain everlasting Life and Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. Be pleased to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and grant that both by their Preaching and Living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly. Be pleased to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility with Grace, Wisdom and Understanding. Be pleased to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute Justice, and Maintain Truth. Be pleased to bless and keep all thy people, especially my *Relations*, *Benefactors*, and *Friends*: Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may attain everlasting life. Be pleased to forgive all mine enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts. Lastly, I most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to com-

comfort and ſuccour all them who in this tranſitory life are in trouble, ſorrow, need, ſickneſs, or any other adverſity; to relieve them according to their ſeveral neceſſities, giving them patience under their ſufferings, and a happy iſſue out of all their afflictions. And this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

## *Thankſgiving.*

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy ſervant do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving kindneſs to me, and to all men. I bleſs thee for our Creation, for my continual Preſervation (*that of this Day* [or Night] *in particular*) and all the bleſſings of this life: But above all for thine ineſtimable love in in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory. Furthermore, I give thee humble thanks that thou haſt incorporated me into thy holy Church, that thou haſt vouchſafed to call me to the knowledge of thy Grace and Faith in thee. Increaſe this knowledge, and confirm this Faith in me more. Give me a due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that my heart may be unfeign-

feignedly thankful; and that I may ſhew forth thy praiſe not only with my lips, but in my life, by giving up my ſelf to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all my days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy mercy and protection, O God, I commit my ſelf this day [*or Night,*] and evermore. O Lord [illegible] and keep me: Lord make thy [illegible] ſhine upon me, and be gracious [illegible] Lord, lift up thy countenance [illegible] and give me peace both now [illegible] more. *Amen.*

*If your necessary Business be so great and urgent, that it will not allow you time to use all the Prayers afore-going, then begin with the Thanksgiving, and joyn thereunto the short Prayer for Morning or Night, as followeth.*

## *A short Prayer for the Morning.*

O Lord, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this Day; Defend me in the same with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day I fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. O defend me with thy Heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come to thine everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

## *A Prayer for the Night.*

darkness, I beseech thee,
God by thy great Mercy
all the perils and dan-
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gers of this Night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. In his Name, O God, I commit my self to thy Mercy and Protection both this Night and evermore. O Lord, bless and keep me. Lord, make thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lord, lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me, and give me peace both now and evermore. Keep me both outwardly in my body, and inwardly in my soul, that I may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the Soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

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## *PRAYERS to be said by those that are Married.*

O God, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing, who also (after other things set in order) didst appoint, that out of (created after thine own image militude) Woman should ginning; and knitting

didst teach, that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by Matrimony hast made One: O God, who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent Mystery, that in it is signified and represented the Spiritual Marriage and Unity between Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon [*Me and my Wife; and grant that I may love her according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his Spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh;) and also, that she may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to me, and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly Matrons.] O Lord, bless us both; and grant us to inherit thy everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant, O Lord, that as *Isaac* and *Rebecca* lived faithfully together, we may surely perform and keep the vow and Covenant betwixt us made,

*Here the woman may alter it thus; Me and my Husband; and grant, that he may love me (according to thy Word (as Christ did love his Spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh;) and also that I may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to him, and in all quietness, &c.

made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy Laws, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon us from Heaven, and bless us: And as thou didst send thy Blessing upon *Abraham* and *Sarah*, to their great comfort; so vouchsafe to send thy Blessing upon us, that we obeying thy Will, and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto our lives end. O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us: O Lord, mercifully with thy favour look upon us; and so fill us with all spiritual Benediction and Grace, that we may so live together in this Life, that in the World to come we may have Life everlasting. *Amen.*

*If you want and desire Children, (being conscious of no reasonable cause why you may not ask any,) then add as follows:*

Furthermore I most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Lord and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift Mankind is increased, that thou wouldst be pleased (if thou shalt think fit) to assist us with

thy Bleſſing, that we may both be fruitful in procreation of Children, and alſo live together ſo long in godly love and honeſty, that we may ſee our Children Chriſtianly and Vertuouſly brought up, to thy praiſe and honour, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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## *PRAYERS to be ſaid by thoſe that have Children.*

O Merciful Lord, and heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious gift Mankind is increaſed; I give thee humble thanks, that thou haſt been pleaſed to aſſiſt me with thy Bleſſing, and to make me the Father [or Mother] of a Child [or Children.] And I beſeech thee, give me thy Grace, that I may truly endeavour to ſee *him*, [or them] Chriſtianly and Vertuouſly brought up, to thy praiſe and honour, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. And becauſe none can do any thing that is good without thee; grant unto *him* [or they] thy Spirit, O Lord, to think and do always ſuch things as be rightful, that *he* [or they] may by thee be enabled to live according to thy Will,

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over *him* [or them:] Let thy holy Spirit ever be with *him* [or them,] and so lead *him* [or them] in the knowledg and obedience of thy Word, that in the end *he* [or they] may obtain everlasting life. Strengthen *him* [or them] I pray thee, with the holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in *him* [or them] thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of Counsel and Ghostly strength; the spirit of Knowledg and true Godliness; and fill *him* [or them] O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy Fear, now and for ever. O defend *him* [or them,] with thy heavenly grace, that *he* [or they] may continue thine for ever: And grant, that being stedfast in Faith, joyful through Hope, and rooted in Charity, *he* [or they] may so pass the waves of this troublesom world: that finally *he* [or they] may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *PRAYERS to be said upon days of Fasting and Humiliation for Sin.*

PSal. 51. 1. *Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.*

2. *Wash me throughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sins.*

9. *Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.*

10. *Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

11. *Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me.*

12. *O give me the comfort of thy help again; and stablish me with thy free Spirit.*

*Then say the Confession,* Almighty God, Father of, &c. *and after that as follows.*

TUrn thou me, O good Lord, and so shall I be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto me, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou spareſt when we deserve punish-

ment, and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare me, good Lord, ſpare me; and let me not be brought to confuſion. Hear me, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon me, through the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, I beſeech thee, Almighty God, that I who for mine evil deeds do worthily deſerve to be puniſhed, by the comfort of thy Grace may mercifully be releiv'd, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

*After this ſay the Prayer for Pardon and Grace, and then conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

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## PRATERS *to be ſaid in any time of Trouble or Affliction.*

*Becauſe Troubles and Afflictions are as well puniſhments for ſin, as tryals of our Faith and Patience; therefore firſt humble your ſelf before God in the words of the Confeſſion afore-ſaid; and then proceed as follows.*

O God, merciful Father, that deſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a contrite heart, nor the deſire of ſuch as be ſorrowful; Mercifully aſſiſt my prayers that I make before thee in theſe my troubles and adverſities, which now oppreſs me. Grant that by the providence of thy goodneſs they may be diſperſed; and that being hurt by no kind of ſufferings, I may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

I Humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name, turn from me all thoſe evils that I moſt righteouſly have deſerv'd: and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and pureneſs of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediatour and Advocate, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, I beſeech thee, that I who am juſtly puniſhed for mine offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodneſs, for the Glory of thy

Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

ASſiſt me mercifully, O Lord, in theſe my ſupplications and prayers; And ſo diſpoſe me towards the attainment of everlaſting Salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal Life, I may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious and ready Help, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who of thy tender Love towards Mankind haſt ſent thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to take upon him our Fleſh, and to ſuffer death upon the Croſs, that all Mankind ſhould follow the Example of his great Humility; Mercifully grant, that I may both follow the Example of his Patience, and alſo be made partaker of his Reſurrection, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the King of Glory, who haſt exalted thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt with great triumph into thy Kingdom in Heaven; I beſeech thee, leave me not comfortleſs, but ſend me thine Holy Ghoſt to comfort me, and exalt me unto the ſame place whither our Saviour Chriſt

Chriſt is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *PRAYERS for your ſelf, or other, being ſick.*

ALmighty everliving God, Maker of Mankind, who doſt correct thoſe whom thou doſt love, and chaſtiſe every one whom thou doſt receive; I beſeech thee, have mercy upon me thy Servant [*or thy Servant A. B.*] now viſited with thine hand. Grant that I [*he*] may take my [*his*] ſickneſs patiently; and ſo ſanctifie this thy fatherly Correction to me, [*him*,] that the ſenſe of my [*his*] weakneſs may add ſtrength to my [*his*] Faith, and Seriouſneſs to my [*his*] Repentance. If it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to reſtore me [*him*] to my [*his*] former health, grant that I [*he*] may lead the reſidue of my [*his*] Life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or elſe give me [*him*] grace ſo to take thy Viſitation, that after this Life ended, I [*he*] may dwell with thee in Life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, look down from Heaven; behold, visit, and relieve me thy Servant; [*or thy Servant A. B.*] Look upon me [*him*] with the eyes of thy Mercy; give me [*him*] comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend me [*him*] from the danger of the Enemy, and keep me [*him*] in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake, renew in me, [*him*,] most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or by my [*his*] own carnal will and frailness. Impute not to me [*him*] my [*his*] former sins, but strengthen me [*him*] with thy Blessed Spirit: And whensoever thou shalt be pleased to take me [*him*] hence, take me [*him*] into thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *PRAYERS for your self, or other, being sick beyond hope of Recovery.*

O Father of Mercies, and God of all Comfort, our only help in time of need; I beseech thee to succour me [*or thy Ser-*

*Servant A.B.*] now lying under thy hand in great weakneſs of Body. Look graciouſly upon me, [*him*,] O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, ſtrengthen me, [*him*,] I beſeech thee, ſo much the more continually with thy Grace and holy Spirit in the inner man. Give me [*him*] unfeigned Repentance for all the Errors of my [*his*] Life paſt, and ſtedfaſt Faith in thy Son Jeſus, that my [*his*] ſins may be done away by thy Mercy, and my [*his*] Pardon ſeal'd in Heaven before I go [*he goes*] hence, and be no more ſeen. I know, O Lord that there is no word impoſſible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canſt even yet raiſe me [*him*] up, and grant me [*him*] a longer continuance in this World. Yet foraſmuch as in all appearance the time of my [*his*] departure draweth near, ſo fit and prepare me, [*him*,] I beſeech thee, againſt the hour of Death, that after my [*his*] departure hence in peace and in thy favour, my [*his*] Soul may be received into thine everlaſting Kingdom. Waſh it, I pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the World; that whatſoever defilements it may have con-

contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty World through the luſts of the Fleſh, or the Wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without ſpot before thee; that ſo at the general Reſurrection in the laſt day, I [*he*] may be found acceptable in thy ſight, and receive that Bleſſing which thy Well-beloved Son ſhall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, ſaying, Come ye bleſſed Children of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the World. Grant this, I beſeech thee, O merciful Father, through Jeſus Chriſt our Mediatour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

## *Prayers for your Child being ſick.*

O Almighty God, and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the the iſſues of Life and Death; Look down from Heaven, I beſeech thee, with the Eyes of Mercy upon my Child, now lying on the bed of ſickneſs. Viſit *him*, O Lord, with thy Salvation: Deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and ſave *his* Soul for thy Mercies

cies ſake. If it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to prolong *his* days here on Earth, grant that *he* may live to thee, and be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or elſe receive *him* into thoſe Heavenly Habitations, where the Souls of them that ſleep in the Lord Jeſus enjoy perpetual reſt and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies ſake, in the ſame thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, my Child with thy heavenly Grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever, and daily increaſe in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come to thine everlaſting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *Prayers for your ſelf, or other, being troubled in Mind or Conſcience.*

OBleſſed Lord, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comforts; I beſeech thee, look down in pity and com-

compaſſion upon me [*or A. B.*] thy afflicted Servant. Thou writeſt bitter things againſt me, [*him,*] and makeſt me [*him*] to poſſeſs my [*his*] former iniquities: Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, [*him,*] and my [*his*] Soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who haſt written thy holy Word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures might have hope; Give me [*him*] a right underſtanding of my ſelf, [*himſelf,*] and of thy Threats and Promiſes, that I [*he*] may neither caſt away my [*his*] confidence in thee, nor place it any where elſe but in thee. give me [*him*] ſtrength againſt all my [*his*] temptations, and heal all my [*his*] diſtempers. Break not the bruiſed Reed, nor quench the ſmoaking Flax. Shut not up thy tender Mercies in diſpleaſure; but make me [*him*] to hear of joy and gladneſs, that the bones which thou haſt broken may rejoyce. Deliver me [*him*] from fear of the Enemy, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me, [*him*] and give me [*him*] peace, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty and everlaſting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more then either we deſire,or deſerve; Pour down upon me [*or thy Servant A. B.*] the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me [*him*] thoſe things whereof my [*his*] conſcience is afraid, and giving me [*him*] thoſe good things which I am not worthy to ask, but through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who doſt teach the hearts of thy faithful People, by ſending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant me [*or thy Servant A. B.*] by the ſame Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoyce in his holy Comfort, through the merits of Chriſt Jeſus our Saviour,who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the ſame Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

## *Prayers before you go to Church.*

ALmighty and Merciful God, of whoſe only gift it cometh, that thy faithful People do unto thee true and laudable ſervice; Grant, I beſeech thee, that I may ſo faithfully ſerve thee in this Life, that I fail not finally to attain thy Heavenly Promiſes, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, foraſmuch as without thee we are not able to pleaſe thee; Mercifully grant that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt doſt give to the Miniſters of thy Church many excellent Gifts, and commandeſt them earneſtly to feed thy Flock; I beſeech thee, leave them not deſtitute of thoſe Gifts, nor yet of Grace to uſe them always to thy Honour and Glory; but grant that they may both by their Life and Doctrine ſet forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly adminiſter thy holy Sacra-

Sacraments: And to me, and all thy People give thy heavenly Grace, that with meek heart and due reverence we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly ſerving thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the days of our Life; that ſo at laſt we may be all partakers of thy Heavenly Kingdom, and receive the Crown of Righteouſneſs, which thou haſt promiſed in Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *Prayers when you are returned from Church.*

GRant, I beſeech thee, Almighty God, that the Words which I have heard this day with my outward Ears, may through thy Grace be ſo grafted inwardly in my heart, that they may bring forth in me the fruit of good living, to the honour and praiſe of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlaſting Life; Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jeſus Chriſt

Chriſt to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; That obeying his Doctrine, and following his ſteps, I may ſtedfaſtly walk in the Way that leadeth to eternal Life, through the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd of all Power and Might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion, nouriſh me with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LOrd, I pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *Prayers on* Sacrament *Days, before you go out of your Houſe.*

ALmighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jeſus Chriſt haſt overcome Death, and opened unto us the Gate of everlaſting Life; I humbly be-

beſeech thee, that as by thy ſpecial Grace preventing me, thou haſt put into my Mind good deſires, ſo by thy continual help, I may bring the ſame to good effect, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghoſt, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty Father, who haſt given thine only Son to die for our ſins, and to riſe again for our Juſtification; Grant me ſo to put away the leaven of Malice and Wickedneſs, that I may always ſerve thee in pureneſs of living and truth, through the merits of the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, give unto me the increaſe of Faith, Hope, and Charity; And that I may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe, make me to love that which thou doſt command, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, heavenly Father, who haſt this day called and invited me to thy Holy Table, where will be adminiſtred the moſt comfortable

Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, to be received in remembrance of his Meritorious Cross and Passion, whereby alone we obtain Remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven: I give thee most humble and hearty thanks for that thou hast given thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual Food and Sustenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being so divine and comfortable a thing to them who receive it worthily, and so dangerous to them who presume to receive it unworthily. I most humbly beseech thee to give me thy Grace, that I may truly consider the dignity of that holy Mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; as also that I may so search and examine my conscience, (and that not lightly, or after the manner of Dissemblers with thee, but so) as to come holy and clean to the heavenly Feast, in the Marriage-garment required by thy Blessed Son in holy Scripture, and be received as a worthy partaker of that holy Table. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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## *Prayers when you are returned from the* Sacrament.

ALmighty and everliving God, I moſt heartily thank thee for that thou haſt vouchſafed to feed me this day with the ſpiritual Food of the moſt precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, whereby thou doſt aſſure the Faithful of thy favour and goodneſs towards them, as alſo that they are heirs through hope of thy everlaſting Kingdom. And I entirely deſire thy fatherly goodneſs to accept this my Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, moſt humbly beſeeching thee to grant, that by the Merits and Death of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and through Faith in his Blood, I, and all the whole Church may obtain Remiſſion of our ſins, and all other Benefits of his Paſſion. And now again, I offer and preſent unto thee, O Lord, my ſelf, Soul and Body, to be a

reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that I, and all those who have been partakers of thy holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy heavenly Benediction. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, through Jesus Christ thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

STrengthen me, I beseech thee, O Lord, with the holy Ghost the Comforter; And daily increase in me thy manifold gifts of Grace, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and ghostly Strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godliness; and fill me, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy Fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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